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SUBJECT: CODEL JOHNSTON

1. SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON (D., LA.) AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHARLES W. MCBRIDE, VISITED TAIPEI JANUARY 7-9. THEIR FULL SCHEDULE INCLUDED A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE CHARGE, MISSION BRIEFINGS, AND CALLS ON A VARIETY OF CHINESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, THE PREMIER AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. MISSION BRIEFINGS BY THE EMBASSY AND MAAG/TDC WERE GENERAL AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

2. DISCUSSIONS DURING COURTESY CALLS ON PRESIDENT YEN AND PREMIER CHIANG WERE CONFINED TO GENERALITIES. THE SENATOR EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION OF THE REMARKABLE ECONOMIC PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON TAIWAN AND THE OBVIOUS WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE FRIENDLY FEELINGS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TOWARD THE ROC AND TOLD HIS HOSTS THAT UPON HIS RETURN TO THE U.S. HE WOULD MAKE IT A POINT TO INFORM HIS SENATE COLLEAGUES OF THE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION HE HAD RECEIVED OF THE ROC, ITS GOVERNMENT, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. NO SENSITIVE SUBJECTS WERE RAISED. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE PRC, THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, OR THE US/ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. THE SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CH'ANG-HUAN COVERED ALL OF THE SAME POINTS, BUT ADDITIONALLY SHEN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREATY AND THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ROC'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT THE U.S. WERE ABANDONING THE ROC.

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3. THE CODEL'S ARRIVAL AND CALLS WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN

THE LOCAL PRESS. AT HIS DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE THE
SENATOR WAS REPORTED AS SAYING CHOU'S DEATH WOULD NOT
AFFECT US/PRC RELATIONS, THAT TENG WOULD SUCCEED CHOU,
AND THAT THE U.S. SHOULD PROVIDE THE ROC WITH IMPROVED
HAWK MISSILES.
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